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In the Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before examination on the merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 15-18.

Please amend the claims to appear as follows and add the indicated new claims:

1. (Amended) An immunostimulant oligonucleotide comprising at least one nucleotide sequence having the formula 5' TTN₁N₂TT 3', wherein T signifies thymine, and N₁ and N₂ are each independently represent adenine, thymine, cytosine or guanine, and wherein the oligonucleotide lacks a dinucleotide CG in which the cytosine C is not methylated.
2. (Amended) The oligonucleotide as claimed in claim 1 comprising from 6 to 100 nucleotides.
3. (Amended) The oligonucleotide as claimed in claim 1 wherein N₁ represents adenine and N₂ represents guanine.

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